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motor vehicle registration plates and certify to the comptroller the amounts to be transferred from the Highway Fund to the General Fund; and provided further, that the commissioner of correction shall submit quarterly financial reports detailing revenues generated and expended, to the house and senate committees on ways and means

\$1,901,019

8900-0011

For a prison industries and farm services revenue retention account; provided, that the department may expend an amount not to exceed \$2,600,000 from revenues collected from the sale of products, for materials, supplies, equipment, maintenance of facilities and compensation of employees of the program; and provided further, that all expenditures from this item shall be subject to chapter 29 of the General Laws and recorded on the Massachusetts management accounting and reporting system

\$2,600,000

8900-0045

The Department of Correction is hereby authorized to expend for the operation of the department, including personnel-related expenses, an amount not to exceed \$6,624,000 from revenues received from federal inmate reimbursements; provided, that \$900,000 from said reimbursements shall not be available for expenditure and shall be deposited in the General Fund prior to the retention by the department of any said reimbursements; and provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of accommodating timing discrepancies between the receipt of retained revenues and related expenditures, the department may incur expenses and the comptroller may certify for payment amounts not to exceed the lower of this authorization or the most recent revenue estimate therefore as reported in the state accounting system

\$6,624,000

County Corrections.

8910-0000

For a reserve to fund county correctional programs; provided, that the funds appropriated in this item shall be distributed among the sheriff's departments of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth and Suffolk counties by the county government finance review board upon prior notification to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that funds appropriated here-in shall be in addition to and contingent on the provisions of line item 1599-7092; provided further, that funds made available to Plymouth county can be expended for operating and debt service costs associated with state inmates housed in the Plymouth county facility, pursuant to the provisions of clauses 3 and 4 of the Memorandum of Agreement signed May 14, 1992; provided further, that Suffolk county may receive additional funding from the balance for county correction maintenance and operation expenses; provided further, that funds distributed from this item shall be paid to the treasurer of each county who shall place such funds in a separate account within the treasury of each such county; provided further, that the treasurer shall authorize temporary transfers into this account for operation and maintenance of jails and houses of correction in advance of receipt of the amount distributed by the commonwealth under this item; provided further, that upon receipt of the state distribution, the treasurer may transfer out of such account an amount equal to the funds so advanced; provided further, that all funds deposited in such accounts and any interest accruing thereto shall be used

solely for the functions of the sheriff's departments of the various counties including, but not limited to, maintenance and operation of jails and houses of correction, without further appropriation; provided further, that the sheriff's department of each county shall reimburse the county treasurer of each county for personnel-related expenses, with the exception of salaries, attributable to the operations of the sheriff's department of each county heretofore paid by the county including, but not limited to, the cost of employee benefits; provided further, that the spending plans required by this item shall be developed by the county government finance review board, in consultation with the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association; provided further, that in accordance with section 247 of chapter 38 of the acts of 1995, all spending plans shall be detailed by subsidiary and object code in accordance with the expenditure classification requirements promulgated by the comptroller; provided further, that such spending plans shall be accompanied by a delineation of all personnel employed by each county correctional facility including, but not limited to, position, title, classification, rank, grade, salary and full-time or part-time status; provided further, that such spending plans shall be accompanied by a delineation of all vehicles leased, owned or operated by each county sheriff; provided further, that such delineation shall include vehicle make and model, year, mileage, condition, date purchased or leased and vehicle primary use; provided further, that no sheriff shall purchase any new vehicles or major equipment in fiscal year 2003 unless such purchase is made pursuant to a multicounty or regionalized collaborative procurement arrangement or unless such purchase is directly related to significant population increase or is otherwise necessary to address an immediate and unanticipated public safety crisis and is approved by the county government finance review board and the executive office of public safety; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions contained in this item, sheriffs may purchase "marked" prisoner transportation vans, so-called, upon notification to the county government finance review board; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any special law to the contrary, no county treasurer shall retain revenues derived by the sheriffs from commissions on telephone service provided to inmates or detainees; provided further, that said revenues shall be retained by the sheriffs not subject to further appropriation for use in a canteen fund, so-called; provided further, that the county government finance review board and the executive office of public safety shall identify and develop county correction expenditures which shall be reduced through shared contracts, regionalized services, bulk purchasing and other centralized procurement savings programs; provided further, that documentation of such expenditures and savings shall be submitted to the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 30, 2002 and shall make provision for such system of shared contracts, regionalized services, bulk purchasing and other centralized procurement savings to take effect not later than June 30, 2003; provided further, that the daily count sheet for county facilities, so-called, compiled by the executive office of public safety, shall be filed with the Massachusetts Sheriffs' Association not less than monthly; provided further, that all revenues including, but not limited to, revenue received from housing federal prisoners, United States Marshals, canteen revenues, inmate industries and work-crew revenues shall be tracked and reported quarterly to the house and senate committees on ways and means and the Massa-

detailing the level of resources deemed necessary for the operation of each county correctional facility and the expenditures which shall be reduced to remain within the appropriation; provided further, that failure by a county sheriff to comply with any provision of this item shall result in a reduction of subsequent quarterly payments to amounts consistent with a rate of expenditure of 96 per cent of the rate of expenditure for fiscal year 2002, as determined by the county government finance review board; provided further, that each sheriff shall submit to the executive office of public safety and the house and senate committees on ways and means copies of such spending plans not later than August 15, 2002; provided further, that on or before September 15, 2002, the county government finance review board shall have approved final fiscal year 2003 county correction budgets; provided further, that the county government finance review board shall provide the executive office of public safety and the house and senate committees on ways and means with copies of such approved budgets not later than October 15, 2002; provided further, that such budgets shall include distribution schedules for the final two quarters of fiscal year 2003 and such plans shall be used to make all subsequent quarterly distributions; provided further, that services shall be provided to the extent determined to be possible within the amount appropriated in this item and each sheriff shall make all necessary adjustments to ensure that expenditures do not exceed the appropriation; provided further, that each county shall expend during fiscal year 2003, for the operation of county jails and houses of correction and other statutorily authorized facilities and functions of the office of the sheriff, in addition to the amount distributed from this item, not less than 102.5 per cent of the amount expended in fiscal year 2002 for such purposes from own-source revenues, which shall not be less than 5 per cent of total county revenues including, but not limited to, amounts levied pursuant to sections 30 and 31 of chapter 35 of the General Laws and amounts provided pursuant to sections 11 to 13, inclusive, of chapter 64D of the General Laws; provided further, that in fiscal year 2003, those counties which have not met maintenance of effort obligations in prior fiscal years shall expend not less than the minimum contribution, as defined above from own-source revenues; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions stated in this item, the maintenance of effort obligations for Suffolk county shall be 5 per cent of the total fiscal year 2003 Suffolk county correction operating budget as approved by the county government finance review board; provided further, that notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the deputy commissioner of local services shall certify on or before May 15, 2003 that all municipalities have appropriated and transferred to their respective county treasuries, not less than 102.5 per cent of the municipality's prior year obligations or minimum contributions as defined above, whichever is greater, for county corrections; provided further, that if a municipality fails to transfer such obligation, said deputy commissioner shall withhold an amount equal to the shortfall in the obligation due to the county from such municipality's fourth quarter local aid "cherry sheet" distribution, so-called, authorized from item 0611-5500 of section 2 and from funds made available from the State Lottery Fund distribution in section 3;

provided further, that on or before August 1, 2002, said deputy commissioner shall report all such withholdings to the house and senate committees on ways and means; provided further, that in fiscal year 2003, notwithstanding the provisions of section 20A of chapter 59 of the General Laws, any county except Suffolk and Nantucket may increase its county tax for said fiscal year by an additional amount if the total amount of such additional county tax is approved by two-thirds of the cities and towns in the county, in towns by a majority vote of the town meeting or town council, and in cities by a majority vote of the city council or board of aldermen, with the approval of the mayor or manager; provided further, that each sheriff shall continue to report all expenditures on the Massachusetts management accounting reporting system, so-called, in accordance with the latest expenditure classification requirements promulgated by the comptroller pursuant to section 27 of chapter 29 of the General Laws; and provided further, that each sheriff funded from this item shall report on a monthly basis to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the average monthly inmate population in the county starting not later than September 30, 2002.

\$126,818,218

Local Aid Fund..... 100.00%

8910-0010

For the purpose of funding expenses for services provided to inmates of county correctional facilities by the department of public health Lemuel Shattuck hospital in fiscal year 2003; provided, that said department shall notify the county government finance review board and the comptroller of all such expenses; provided further, that not more than 30 days after receiving such notification, the board shall certify to the comptroller the amount of such expenses to be charged to this item; provided further, that upon receiving such certification, the comptroller shall effect the transfer of such amount from this item to item 4590-0903 in section 2B; and provided further, that such actual and projected payments shall be considered expenditures within each county spending plan and shall be reflected as such in proposed spending plans required by 8910-0000 in section 2

\$1,300,000

Local Aid Fund..... 100.00%

Sheriffs.

8910-0102

For the operation of the jail, house of correction and any other statutorily authorized facilities and functions under the administration of the office of the sheriff of the former Hampden county; provided, that the sheriff shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means on the average monthly inmate population in the county starting not later than August 1, 2002; provided further, that \$110,000 shall be provided for the purpose of funding expenses for a contract between the Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority and the Hampden county sheriff's department; and provided further, that the Pioneer Valley Regional Transit Authority shall enter into contract with the Hampden county sheriff's department and shall maintain an express bus route from the city of Springfield to the former Hampden county house of correction

\$52,729,395

8910-0105

For the operation of the jail, house of correction and any other statutorily authorized facilities and functions under the administra-